



Our Parish News

St George Rose Bay community news & events

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1** Please support our Charity Drive to help the homeless. Donations to be left under the Christmas Tree in Church Hall
- 2** Sunday 31 December 1, 2018 Vespers for New Year's Eve. Tradition of the Vasilopita in the Church Hall after the service 6.30pm-8.00pm
- 3** Glendi Dinner Dance Saturday 23 February, 2019 at 7pm

In preparation for Christmas, we observe the Orthodox fasting calendar known as "Advent" from 15 November until the celebration of The Birth of Our Saviour Lord Jesus Christ on 25 December

Welcome...

George Confos (President)

Welcome to the Summer Edition of *Our Parish News*.

On behalf of the Parish Board of Directors, I would like to wish all our parishioners a healthy, blessed and Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year in 2019.

Government Grants

The Parish thanks our local State MP Mrs Gabrielle Upton for her support in acquiring a Community Building Partnership Grant of \$40,000 for the renovation of our Church Foyer and Stairs and an additional \$6,900 under the NSW Government Language School Program as a contribution towards the running of our Greek Language School.

Greek School

Our results are in for our Greek Certificate of Attainment exams sat by our Greek School Students in May and I am very happy and proud to announce that my three students below achieved very high results:

Ariane Moisidis	Level A2	Total mark EXCELLENT
Ann Marie Aroney	Level A1 adults	Total mark EXCELLENT
Ianna Fatouros	Level A1 adults	Total mark EXCELLENT

Maria Gerantoni Greek School Teacher



Photo above Ariane Moisidis right hand side displaying her Level A2 Certificate



Above Ann Marie Aroney & Ianna Fatouros displaying their Level A1 Adults Certificates

Greek Dancing

We had a wonderful Greek Dancing year in 2018 and wish all the families a Happy Christmas and New Year. We look forward to seeing you in 2019 when the school year commences. For all enquiries please call Kathy Samios 0410 491 849



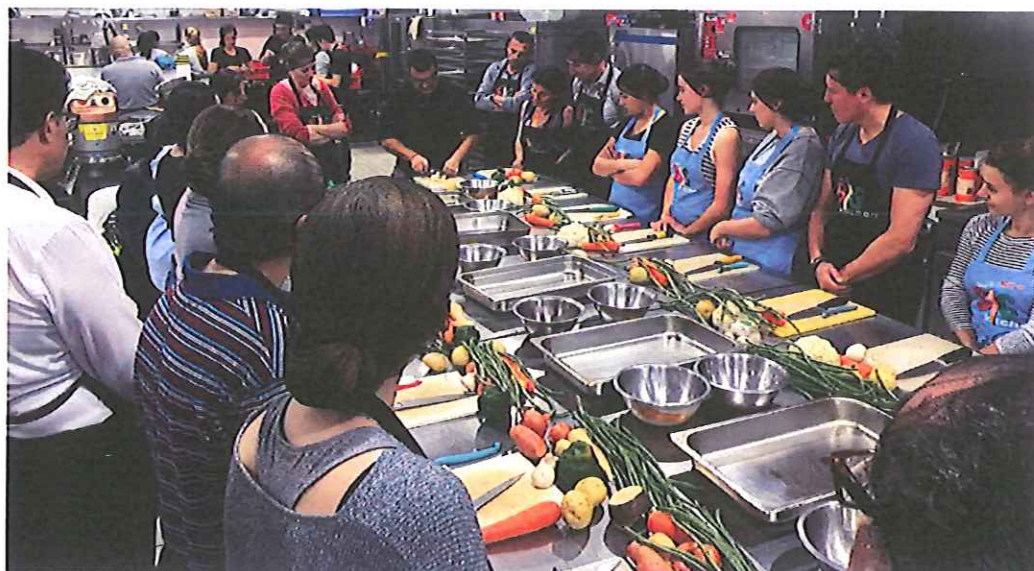
Above Kathy Samios and Joanne Papoulis together with the Greek Dancing children at the end of year presentation

St George Hands – Our Big Kitchen

On Sunday 23 September we commenced our volunteer work at Our Big Kitchen (OBK) in Bondi and thank our St George Hands volunteers for their time to help prepare food for the homeless. We require a group of volunteers for Sunday 16 December from 12.30pm-3.30pm, please contact the church office to register your name and to be added to the St George Hands database. OBK is a wonderful initiative helping those who need a hand at a particular point in time. We thank the OBK Manager George Karounis and Rabbi Slavin for allowing us the opportunity to be involved in the initiative. Thank you in advance for your support for our upcoming December date, we look forward to you registering.



Above St George Hands volunteers at Our Big Kitchen displaying the meals prepared for the homeless



Above volunteers preparing the food for cooking

An Update from the Ladies Auxiliary *Maria Bekiaris (President)*

Hello to all our parishioners from the Ladies Auxiliary/Phylotohos. The ladies of the committee & I wish to thank all the parishioners who attended our AGM in October and our recent Christmas Luncheon at Dunbar House, your support is greatly appreciated. Our official guests at our Annual Christmas Luncheon were the Greek Consular Costa Karras and his wife Trade Commissioner to Greece Katia Gkikiza.

It was a wonderful day enjoyed by all, raising \$4,500 from the raffle tickets. Thank you to The Lee Family and Bower Haus, Christian Louboutin, Posie Freeman from Make My Christmas, Dora Sklavos and an anonymous donor - we thank them all for their generosity. A special thanks to Lefka Georgantis from Girls With Gems in Transvaal Ave, Double Bay and to the models for parading the beautiful clothing range which everyone enjoyed.

We come to the close of another year, as Christmas and all the festivities are fast approaching. We start to wish each other, Merry Christmas, and decorate our homes, let's all stop and think to also decorate our hearts. There are many who are less fortunate and could use a kind word or gesture. Many of us will be reading 'The Night Before Christmas' to our children and grandchildren, but let's also read 'The first Christmas'.

Let's not forget that Christmas is not only about Coca-Cola creating a red and white suite for Santa - it's also about Christ our Lord being Born, and entering our lives. It's a time for family, love and understanding.

The Ladies Auxiliary/Phylotohos, wish to take this opportunity to thank all our Parishioners, for all the help and support throughout the year. We thank the Parish Board for their continued help. And a very big thank you to, Father Gerasimos, for his unfailing advice and help, wherever it's needed. On that note, we wish you all a Merry Christmas, and a Happy, Safe, and Prosperous New Year. Καλα Χριστουγεννα και Ευτυχισμενος ο Καινουριος Χρονος Καλη Χρονια 2019 με αγαπη και υγεια xxx

Photo below Ladies Auxiliary at the Annual Tis Panagia's Cake Day held in August



Above Fr Gerasimos, Greek Consular Costa Karras and Katia Gkikiza Trade Commissioner to Greece, Maria Bekiaris, Nina Mistilis Larcombe & Ladies of our Parish at the recent Ladies Auxiliary Christmas lunch Dunbar House Watsons Bay

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Above Presvytera Eleni & Marie Bekiaris together with the young Mums and our youngest little parishioners at the Dunbar House Christmas lunch



Above some of the beautiful prizes donated at the Dunbar House Function



Above Ms Katia Gkikiza Trade Commissioner to Greece, right Mrs Gemenis, left Mrs Vlahos & ladies of our Parish

Our next edition of Our Parish New will be in March, 2019

